current financial year *i.e.* 2004-05 from the month of November, 2004 in 150 most backward districts of the country to generate additional supplementary wage employment with food security. All the States except Goa have been covered under the programme. The programme is open to all rural poor who are in need of wage employment and desire to do manual and unskilled work. Foodgrains to the States are also provided free of cost. During the current financial year *i.e.* 2004-05, the allocation under this programme is Rs. 2020 crore cash component and 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains. The focus of the programme will be on works relating to water conservation, drought proofing (including afforestation/tree plantation) and land development. Flood control/protection (including drainage in water-logged areas), rural connectivity in terms of all weather roads and other similar activity for economic sustainability, keeping in view the area specific problems, may also be taken up.

The erstwhile Food for Work Programme (FFWP) was under operation between January 2001 to March 2002. Under this programme, only foodgrains were provided to the calamity affected areas in order to provide additional supplementary wage employment to minimize hardship. The cash component of wages and material cost was to be met by the concerned State Governments from their own resources under various ongoing developmental/welfare schemes. As such the scheme was to be implemented through convergence/dovetailing with other programmes. But the NFFWP is a compact scheme having resources for both the components of the wages (cash and foodgrains) and cash component for material cost as well. Besides, the NFFWP is allocation based programme whereas FFWP was demand driven.

Implementation of E.A.S.

2182. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been implementing Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) through State/Union Territories administrations across the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of EAS;

(c) the State-wise and year-wise details of funds allotted towards implementation of EAS and records of its implementation since inception, including number of population benefited;

(d) The instances, if any, of diversion of funds allotted for implementation of EAS;

(e) the actions taken against the same;

(f) the details of State-wise allocation of funds of EAS for 2004-05; and

(g) the targeted beneficiaries thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is no longer in operation.

(c) to (g) Do not arise.

Allocation to U.P. under ARWSP

†2183. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation made to U.P. under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Projects for the years 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) the details of the amount released in comparison to the said allocation; and

(c) the details of the total funds provided to U.P. for accelerated rural water supply during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) The funds allocated and released to Uttar Pradesh under allocation based components of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as under:—

Component	2002-2003		2003-2004	
	Amount Allocated (Rs. in Lakh)	Amount Released (Rs. in Lakh)	Amount Allocated (Rs. in Lakh)	Amount Released (Rs. in Lakh)
ARWSP (Normal)	13022.00	11349.46	11086.00	10457.00
ARWSP (Swajaldhara and Sector Reforms Projects)	*	*	1532.91	1315.14
ARWSP (PM's Prog.)	**	**	1350.54	675.27

*ARWSP (Swajaldhara) became allocation based from 2003-2004.

**PM's programme started in 2003-2004.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.